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Art Unit 2834
Examiner T. Dougherty

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,586; Filed: January 18, 2002
For: **Piezoelectric Element and Method of Manufacturing Same**
Inventors: QIU *et al.*
Our Ref: 1089.0350001/DKSC/TUM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Reply To Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 27, 2003**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 19, 20 and 30-33. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made **without** traverse. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of

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